

Amendment to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of providing an identification of a broadcast piece of information to a person receiving the broadcast, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) on a first receiver, receiving the broadcast piece of information;
- (b) sending a first message ~~describing~~ containing at least a portion of the broadcast piece of information to a centralized information identification location having a data base storing data for identifying pieces of information;
- (c) at the centralized information identification location, comparing ~~the first message at least the portion of the broadcast piece of information~~ with pieces of information stored in the data base; and
- (d) identifying the piece of information on the basis of the comparison.

2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein step (b) comprises activating a telephone to send the first message.

3. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein step (b) comprises sending an electronic mail message.

4. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein step (b) comprises sending a first message describing the piece of information and identifying a receiving location; and wherein said method further comprises:

(e) sending to the identified receiving location a second message including the identification of the musical piece.

5. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein step (e) comprises activating a telephone to send the second message.

6. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein step (e) comprises sending an electronic mail message.

7. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein step (e) includes providing additional information about the piece of information.

8. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein step (b) comprises making a recording of at least a the portion of the piece of information, activating a telephone to place a call to the centralized information identification location, and playing the recording so as to send the portion of the piece of information to the centralized information identification location.

9. Cancelled (Without disclaimer or prejudice).

10. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein step (b) comprises activating a telephone to place a call to the centralized information identification location while the broadcast station is broadcasting the piece of information so as to send the at least a portion of the piece of information to the centralized information identification location.

11. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 10, wherein step (c) comprises comparing at least the portion of the piece of information with pieces of information stored in the data base.

12. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein step (b) comprises activating a telephone to place a call to the centralized information identification location, and identifying a broadcasting station that is broadcasting the piece of information and the time that the broadcast station broadcast the piece of information.

13. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 12, wherein step (c) comprises interrogating a play list stored in the data base for the identified broadcasting station.

14. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein step (b) comprises activating a telephone to place a call to the centralized information identification location while a broadcasting station is broadcasting the piece of information, and identifying the broadcasting station; and step (c) comprises tuning a second radio receiver to the identified broadcasting station, and receiving the broadcast, ~~and comparing the piece of information with pieces of information stored in the data base.~~

15. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein step (b) comprises ~~sending a message describing the piece of information and ordering a copy of the piece of information;~~ and wherein said method further comprises the step of:

(e) sending an order for the piece of information to an order shipping center.

16. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the piece of information is a video piece.

17. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the piece of information is a audio piece.

18. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the piece of information is a musical piece.

19. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 18, wherein step (ed) includes providing additional information about the musical piece.

20. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 19, wherein the additional information includes the composer of the musical piece.

21. (Currently Amended) A system for providing an identification of a broadcast piece of information to a person receiving the broadcast, said system comprising:

a receiver for receiving the broadcast piece of information and providing a signal reproducing the broadcast piece of information;

first message transmitting means for transmitting a first message describing the piece of information including at least a portion of the broadcast piece of information;
and

a centralized information identification location, including:

means for receiving the first message;

a data base storing data for identifying pieces of information broadcast by a plurality of broadcasting stations; and

an information identification unit, responsive to the description of the broadcast piece of information including the at least a portion of the piece of information in the received first message for locating data in said data base identifying the broadcast piece of information.

22. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 21, wherein said first message transmitting means comprises a telephone.

23. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 21, wherein said first message transmitting means comprises an electronic mail terminal.

24. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 21, wherein said first message transmitting means transmits a message describing the piece of information including the at least a portion of the information and identifying a receiving location to which identification of the piece of information is to be sent; and said system further comprises:

second message transmitting means for transmitting to the identified location a second message identifying the piece of information.

25. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein said second message transmitting means comprises a telephone.

26. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein said second message transmitting means comprises an electronic mail terminal.

27. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 21, wherein said first message transmitting means is electrically coupled to said receiver to transmit the piece of information as it is received by said receiver.

28. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 21, wherein said first message transmitting means is acoustically coupled to said receiver to transmit the piece of information as it is received by said receiver.

29. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 21, further comprising a recorder electrically coupled to said receiver for recording the piece of information.

30. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 29, wherein said first message transmitting means is electrically coupled to said recorder to transmit the piece of information as the piece of information is played back by the recorder.

31. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 29, wherein said first transmitting means is acoustically coupled to said recorder to transmit the piece of information as the piece of information is played back by the recorder.

32. Cancelled (Without disclaimer or prejudice).

33. Cancelled (Without disclaimer or prejudice).

34. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 21, wherein said first transmitting means transmits an identification of the broadcasting station and the time the broadcasting station broadcast the piece of information.

35. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 34, wherein said information identification unit compares the time the identified broadcasting station played the piece of information with a play list for the identified broadcasting station to identify the piece of information.

36. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 21, wherein said music identification unit responds to identification of a broadcasting station then playing the piece of information by tuning a second receiver to the identified broadcasting station to receive the at least a portion of the piece of information, and comparing the received portion with data stored in the data base.

37. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 21, wherein said first message transmitting means comprises a ~~cellular~~ telephone.

38. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 37, wherein said telephone comprises a cellular telephone.

39. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 21, wherein said first message transmitting means comprises an electronic mail terminal.

40. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 21, wherein said second message transmitting means comprises a telephone.

41. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 21, wherein said second message transmitting means comprises an electronic mail terminal.

42. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 21, further comprising means for sending an order for a copy of the piece of information to an order shipping center.

43. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 21, wherein said receiver comprises a radio receiver.

44. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 21, wherein said receiver comprises a television receiver.

45. (Currently Amended) A method of providing an identification of a musical piece to a person listening to a radio station which is playing the musical piece, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a data base storing data for identifying musical pieces;

(b) receiving a telephone message describing the musical piece containing at least a portion of the musical piece and identifying a receiving location to which identification of the musical piece is to be sent;

(c) interrogating the data base to identify the musical piece by comparing the received at least a portion of the musical piece with musical pieces stored in the data base to identify the music piece heard by the person in the database; and

(d) sending to the identified receiving location a message including the identification of the musical piece.

46. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 45, wherein step (c) comprises comparing the musical piece with musical pieces stored in the data base.

47. Cancelled (Without disclaimer or prejudice).

48. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 45, wherein step (b) comprises receiving a telephone message identifying the radio station and the time that the radio station played the musical piece; and step (c) comprises interrogating a play list stored in the data base for the identified radio station.

49. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 45, wherein step (b) comprises receiving a telephone message identifying the radio station while the radio station is playing the musical piece; and step (c) comprises tuning a radio receiver to the identified radio station, receiving the radio broadcast, ~~and comparing the musical piece with musical pieces stored in the data base.~~

50. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 45, wherein step (d) comprises sending the message to an identified telephone.

51. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 45, wherein step (d) comprises sending the message to an identified electronic mail address.

52. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 45, wherein step (b) includes receiving a telephone message ordering a copy of the musical piece; and said method further comprises the step of:

(e) sending an order for the musical piece to an order shipping center.

53. (Currently Amended) A system for providing an identification of a musical piece to a person listening to a radio station which is playing the musical piece in a radio broadcast, said system comprising:

a first telephone for receiving a message describing a musical piece that has been played in a radio broadcast on a radio station including at least a portion of the musical piece, and identifying a receiving location to which identification of the musical piece is to be sent;

a data base storing data for identifying musical pieces played by a plurality of radio stations;

a music identification unit responsive to the description of the musical piece including at least a portion of the musical piece in the received telephone message for locating data in said data base identifying the musical piece; and

means for transmitting to the identified receiving location a message identifying the musical piece.

54. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 53, wherein said music identification unit compares the musical piece with data stored in said data base.

55. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 53, wherein said music identification unit compares the time an identified radio station played the musical piece with a play list for the identified radio station to identify the musical piece.

56. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 53, wherein said music identification unit is responsive to identification of a radio station then playing the musical piece for tuning a radio receiver to the identified radio station to receive the at least a portion of the musical piece and comparing the received at least a portion of the musical piece with musical pieces stored in the data base.

57. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 53, wherein said transmitting means comprises a second telephone.

58. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 53, wherein said transmitting means comprises means for transmitting the message by electronic mail.

59. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 53, further comprising means for sending an order for a copy of the musical piece to an order shipping center.